CONSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS

(Terms Expire January 1, 2007)

Governor

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM, Northville

Lieutenant Governor

JOHN D. CHERRY, JR., Clio

Secretary of State

TERRI LYNN LAND, Byron Center

Attorney General

Mike Cox, Livonia

APPOINTED OFFICERS

State Treasurer

ROBERT J. KLEINE,1 Lansing

Superintendent of Public Instruction

MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN,² Lansing

¹Appointed State Treasurer by Governor Jennifer Granholm April 6, 2006; confirmed by the Senate on May 24, 2006.

²Appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction by the State Board of Education effective July 5, 2005.

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM, GOVERNOR JOHN D. CHERRY, JR., LT. GOVERNOR

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As Michigan's chief executive officer, the **governor** is responsible for managing state government to meet the needs of Michigan citizens and families. The governor sets overall policy direction for the executive branch, appoints most department directors and members of state boards and commissions, recommends the state budget to the legislature, and has numerous other responsibilities outlined by the Constitution of 1963 and state statutes.

The **lieutenant governor** performs gubernatorial functions in the governor's absence; presides over the state senate; provides a tie-breaking vote in the senate; serves as a member of the State Administrative Board; heads a number of task forces, commissions, and committees; assists the governor in formulating and implementing state policies and programs; and assists the Executive Office in working with the public and government agencies.

The Executive Office includes divisions that help both the governor and lieutenant governor serve the public. These various offices assist in managing state government, developing policy, and implementing new initiatives. The *Legislative Affairs Division* is responsible for working with the legislature to develop and pass bills necessary to implement the governor's agenda. The *Public Policy Division* works with the governor's cabinet and interested citizens and groups in developing new policy initiatives, and advises the governor on a wide range of issues. The *Communications Division* is responsible for media relations and for providing the public with news about state government. The *Legal Division* advises the governor on legal matters. The *Appointments Division* directs the process by which the governor selects candidates for appointment. The *Constituent Services Division* enables citizens to connect directly with the governor's office regarding policy concerns or assistance with state government services. Special advisors and the director for special projects assist and advise the governor on a variety of subjects. The *Scheduling Division* manages requests for the governor's time. The *Operations and Information Technology Division* handles logistics, budget, and personnel issues for Executive Office staff.

Additionally, the *Governor's Office for Southeast Michigan*, the *Northern Michigan Office*, and the *Regional Directors for External Affairs* help the governor stay connected to constituents around the state. The *Washington, D.C. Office* represents Michigan's interests to congress and the president and advises the governor on important national issues. The *Office of the First Gentleman* focuses on volunteerism, mentoring, community service, leadership, and great workplace development.



GOVERNOR JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM

Jennifer M. Granholm was reelected the 47th governor of the State of Michigan in November 2006. Since taking office as the state's first woman chief executive in 2003, she has successfully resolved over \$4 billion in budget deficits, trimming more from state government than any governor in Michigan's history. A fiscal hawk, Granholm has worked to ensure that state government spends every penny efficiently, while aggressively pursuing her top priority of putting Michigan families first.

Governor Granholm has put in motion a comprehensive economic agenda that includes creating thousands of jobs for Michigan workers by accelerating infrastructure projects, training unemployed workers for high-demand jobs, and diversifying Michigan's economy through an unprecedented \$2 billion 21st Century Jobs Fund. By going anywhere and doing anything to attract new businesses to Michigan, Granholm has convinced more than 90 companies, including Google, to choose Michigan for relocation or expansion; her two investment missions to Japan have brought back millions of dollars in new investment and more than 1,000 new jobs.

Granholm's focus on families has meant expanded health care coverage for 300,000 uninsured Michiganians. She saved the state nearly \$40 million in 2003 by introducing the nation's first bulk-buying pool for prescription drugs; in 2004, she extended those savings to citizens by introducing the MiRx Card, which provides discount prescription drugs to thousands of uninsured families. Her Michigan First Health Care Plan will be the first in the state's history to extend universal access to affordable health care to every family in Michigan.

Despite tough fiscal times, Granholm has increased spending for Michigan's public schools to record levels. The first in her family to attend college, Granholm has championed universal access to higher education. In December 2006, Granholm signed legislation creating the Michigan Promise scholarship, the first-in-the-nation program that will award \$4,000 to every Michigan student who successfully completes two years of post-secondary education.

Michigan was cited by *Governing* magazine (February 2005) as an outstanding leader in its report titled, "Grading the States 2005." The nationwide report card gives Michigan and the Granholm administration high marks in the areas of money, people, infrastructure, and information management. Only Virginia and Utah scored higher than Michigan.

Granholm began her career in public service as a clerk for U.S. Judge Damon Keith on the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1990, Granholm became a federal prosecutor in Detroit, where she maintained a 98 percent conviction rate. In 1994, Granholm was appointed Wayne County Corporation Counsel. She worked to reduce taxpayer-funded lawsuit payouts by 87 percent. Elected Michigan's first female Attorney General in 1998, Granholm continued her fight to protect Michigan's citizens and consumers. She established the state's first high-tech crime unit to prosecute internet crimes.

Following the September 11 attacks, Granholm led a multi-agency effort to ensure that Michigan laws could effectively be used to fight terrorism at the state level. In the wake of the attacks, as well as following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, she also took swift action to protect consumers from price gouging at the pump by unscrupulous gas station owners. As Attomey General, Granholm also started a successful statewide mentoring initiative.

Jennifer Granholm was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, and is an honors graduate of both the University of California at Berkeley and Harvard Law School. She serves as Vice Chair of the Democratic Governors Association and is Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee of the National Governors Association. She and her husband, Daniel G. Mulhern, have three children.



JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.

Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry is a seasoned leader who has successfully worked to ensure that state government is efficient and shares Michigan's priorities.

With over 20 years of service in the Michigan Legislature as a State Representative, State Senator, and Minority Leader, Cherry has received many awards and honors, including recognition from the *Detroit News* as one of Michigan's Most Effective Legislators. Cherry was recently named the 2005 Conservationist of the Year by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and elected as chair of the Great Lakes Commission – the highest ranking Michigan official in history to serve in this capacity. He was recently elected Chair of the National Lieutenant Governor's Association.

Cherry's focus on families and education has meant that more of Michigan's children have the opportunity to go to college. He has led the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth, making a series of recommendations that have brought higher education into the larger discussion of creating and retaining jobs here in Michigan. He also serves as a gubernatorial appointee to the Midwest Higher Education Compact.

Cherry's interest in politics began as a teenager through organizing and political activism. He took a job as administrative assistant to former State Senator Gary Corbin, later serving as political director for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO until his election to the Michigan House.

As a legislator, Cherry focused on the issues that were most important to him – families, the quality of life in Michigan, the environment, and Michigan's great outdoors. He has authored and co-sponsored several milestone Michigan laws dealing with workers' rights, environmental protection and conservation.

Cherry received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan in 1973 and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan, Flint in 1984. He has been awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from Saginaw Valley State University and an honorary doctor of public service degree from Central Michigan University.

Cherry is married to Pamela M. Faris. They have a married daughter, Meghan, a son, John Daniel, and one grandchild. The family has an active interest in Springer Spaniels and Cherry is a member of the Eastern Michigan Springer Spaniel Association. An avid hunter and outdoorsman, Cherry and his family live in Genesee County.



SECRETARY OF STATE
TERRI LYNN LAND

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land was elected to serve as Michigan's 41st Secretary of State in November 2002 and reelected in November 2006. She began her second term on January 1, 2007.

Quality customer service, innovative technology, and a strong elections system are the hallmarks of her administration. Land is committed to providing the highest possible level of customer service in a cost-effective and efficient manner, and has expanded the number of convenient online and automated options the department offers. She has made it easier for voters to participate in elections by implementing a uniform, statewide standard for voting systems and by introducing equipment in polling places that allows voters with disabilities to cast their own ballots. In the area of organ donation, Land has worked with advocacy organizations and the legislature to improve Michigan's donor registry.

Land believes that effective government thinks creatively. Since taking office, she has visited with employees and customers at all of Michigan's Department of State branch offices to gain insight on how to better serve their needs. As a result of these discussions, Land began modernizing the branch office structure, with an emphasis on delivering services regionally. Her modernization plan provides customers with more services closer to home by redirecting resources for greater effectiveness and efficiency.

Land is designated as Michigan's chief motor vehicle administrator, chief election officer, and keeper of the great seal. She is second in line of succession to the governor. Land is a member of the State Administrative Board, the National Association of Secretaries of State, and the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Prior to her current position, Land served as Kent County Clerk from 1992 to 2000, at a time of tremendous change and growth in Michigan's fourth-largest county. She achieved her goal of making county government easier to work with and more accessible by building coalitions with other members of county government, local and statewide judges, and the state legislature.

Land's involvement in politics began in high school, when she was a volunteer for the Gerald R. Ford for President campaign. She was one of the youngest attendees at the Republican State Convention in 1978. Heavy involvement with community organizations is a priority for Land. She is active with the Detroit Economic Club, the Van Singel Fine Arts Foundation, and the Women's Resource Center.

Of all her accomplishments, Land is most proud of her family. She married Dan Hibma in 1983, and they have two children together, Jessica and Nicholas. They attend Corinth Reformed Church, where Land was nursery supervisor for years. A graduate of Grandville High School, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Hope College in Holland, Michigan.



ATTORNEY GENERAL MIKE COX

When Mike Cox was sworn into his second term as Michigan's Attorney General on January 1, 2007, he renewed a commitment to protect the people of Michigan. As the top law enforcement official in Michigan, Cox has delivered record-setting performances on behalf of consumers, children, and seniors.

From 2003-2006, Cox's Consumer Protection Division returned a record \$43.4 million to the citizens and the state of Michigan. During the same period, he prevented \$1.78 billion in utility rate increases that would have come directly out of the pockets of Michigan's consumers and businesses.

Within days of taking office, Attorney General Mike Cox created the Child Support Division – a first-of-its-kind state Attorney General program to collect child support. By combining public awareness with targeted prosecutions, the division collected more than \$35 million on behalf of more than \$,500 Michigan children in its first four years.

In addition to his groundbreaking work for children, Cox reorganized the Child and Public Protection Unit, making Michigan one of the most aggressive states in the nation to tackle the growing problem of Internet predators.

To help educate children, teachers, and parents about computer and Internet safety, Cox created the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI). These presentations for kindergarten through eighth grade students teach children about how to stay safe online.

In 2003, Cox formed the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) to prosecute public corruption and solve cold case homicides. With thousands of cases, this elite staff of prosecutors and investigators solves complex cases and provides unparalleled expertise, training, and assistance as it works with local law enforcement. In 2004, Cox's OSI successfully prosecuted mass murderer Coral Watts for a 1979 Michigan murder and sent him to prison for life. The OSI solved the 18-year-old missing hunters case; and, in 2005, this unit sent the former Oakland Intermediate School District Superintendent to jail for misconduct in office. To date, Cox's OSI has also conducted more than 50 public corruption investigations.

Michigan's population is aging, and Attorney General Mike Cox is committed to protecting Michigan seniors from abuse and neglect. To safeguard seniors, Cox helped draft legislation creating mandatory criminal background checks for all employees who care for Michigan's vulnerable adults, including nursing home employees.

Cox also successfully pushed for the creation of a broad-based, user-friendly drug cost website, saving citizens hundreds of dollars a year by enabling seniors and consumers to comparison shop for 150 of the most commonly prescribed drugs.

A leader in the fight against health care fraud, Attorney General Cox's Health Care Fraud Division has collected more money – over \$70 million – in just four years than was collected by the division in its previous 24 years of existence.

Mike Cox began his career serving in the Marines. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, then worked in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in Detroit. In 2000, Cox was appointed Director of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Homicide Unit. Mike and his wife, Laura, a former federal agent and current Wayne County Commissioner, have four children.

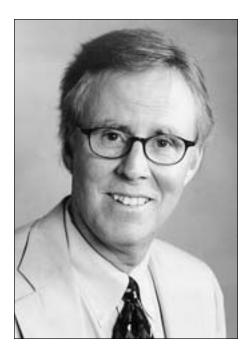


STATE TREASURER ROBERT J. KLEINE

Robert J. Kleine was appointed Michigan's 43rd State Treasurer by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, effective April 9, 2006. As Treasurer, Mr. Kleine oversees the collection, investment, and disbursement of all state monies. In addition, the Treasurer administers major tax laws, safeguards the credit of the state, and distributes revenue sharing monies to local units of government.

Mr. Kleine recently worked as a private economic consultant. He also served as vice president and senior economist at Public Sector Consultants for 15 years. During the William Milliken administration, Mr. Kleine was director of the Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis for 10 years. Mr. Kleine was also a senior fellow at the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and an adjunct professor at Michigan State University, teaching public finance.

A graduate of Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College), Kleine holds a master's degree from Michigan State University. Kleine and his wife, Judy Karandjeff, live in East Lansing.



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mike Flanagan was appointed State Superintendent of Public Instruction by the State Board of Education on May 18, 2005. He directs the Michigan Department of Education; chairs the State Board of Education; and advises the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the state Legislature regarding public education in Michigan.

Mr. Flanagan has been a local school superintendent and regional superintendent and served as the executive director of the statewide associations that represent Michigan public school superintendents and intermediate school districts in the state.

For seven years, Mr. Flanagan served as the Superintendent of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), which serves nearly 500,000 children in the more than three dozen diverse communities of Wayne County. He also was Superintendent of the Farmington/Farmington Hills School District in Michigan for five years. He is past chairperson of the Education Alliance of Michigan, a nonprofit coalition of leading parent, business, and education associations; and past president of the National County Superintendents Association.

Mr. Flanagan has a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame, a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University, and has continued graduate studies at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. He is married to Anna and has three children: Mike, Brian, and Christa.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



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Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor Michael P. Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Members

The eight voting members of the **Michigan State Board of Education** are elected at-large on the partisan statewide ballot for eight-year terms. Two are elected every two years in the general election. In addition, there are two nonvoting, ex officio members — the governor and the state superintendent of public instruction, who is chairman of the board. Any vacancies on the board which occur between elections are filled through appointment by the governor for the remainder of the term.

The state board elects its own officers for two-year terms. It also selects and appoints the state superintendent of public instruction, who administers the Michigan Department of Education.

The state board of education is at the core of an unusual state education system which seeks to carry out Michigan's long tradition of local control balanced against the overall needs of the people statewide.

Historical Background

The Northwest Ordinance in 1787 encouraged schools and the means of education.

In 1809, nearly three decades before statehood, Michigan territorial law directed each judicial district to start schools and collect a tax for them. The **territorial council** made it mandatory in 1829 to divide the townships into school districts and gave the state the right to inspect and supervise schools and to set the length of time each would be open.

Michigan's first constitution, in 1835, created the office of superintendent of public instruction. **John D. Pierce**, a New England clergyman who had come to Michigan as a frontier missionary, was named the first superintendent, becoming the first independent administrator of education under a state constitution in the United States.

Michigan became a state in 1837 and adopted a new constitution in 1850 which formalized the state board of education as a **constitutional body**. The state board of education was created by the Michigan Legislature in 1849 to administer what is now Eastern Michigan University. Many duties were extended to the board over the years, but the current responsibilities were established in the 1963 state constitution.

Constitutional Powers

The state constitution provides:

Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.

— Const. 1963, art. VIII, sec. 3 (in part)

The state board of education exercises its constitutional **duties** of leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except for institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. It serves as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education and advises the legislature as to the financial requirements for public education.

The state board of education has many direct supervisory duties in connection with local school districts and community colleges and indirect coordinating duties in connection with the four-year state colleges and universities.

Among their several duties, the state board of education and Department of Education distribute state funds to local school districts; examines and in some cases approves, construction and financial plans of local districts; reimburses schools for certain programs such as school lunches, bus transportation, and remedial and special education; administers federal aid programs; and provides student financial aid. In addition, the state board appoints advisory councils and committees from the education community and general public to investigate, review, or make recommendations.